

Promotion of cultural tourism to woo foreign tourists

848. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa propose to promote cultural tourism to woo foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help this backward State to succeed in their mission?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects including cultural projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations, Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects and celebration of events and festivals.

An amount of Rs. 2019.12 lakh has been sanctioned in the year 2006-07 for Orissa.

A list of projects sanctioned for Orissa during Tenth plan is at Statement.

Statement***Projects sanctioned to the State of Orissa during the Tenth Plan period***

		(Rs. in lakh)
SI. No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
2002-03		
1.	Rural Tourism Project at Raghurajpur	50.00
2.	Computerisation of office and its Groups	7.50
TOTAL:		57.50

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Sl.No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
2003-04		
1.	Development of Puri as a Tourist destination	394.55
2.	Konark Festival, 2002	5.00
3.	Folk Dance Festival, 2003-04	5.00
4.	Rajarani Music Festival, 2003-04	5.00
5.	Buddha Mahotsav	10.00
TOTAL:		419.55
2004-05		
1.	Development of Peace Park and Amphitheater at Dhauli (Distt. Khurda) under Dest. Development	488.51
2.	Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa—Development of facilities at Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri and Langudi under Tourist Circuit	740.67
3.	Shreekshetra Vasant Festival at Puri	15.00
4.	Kharvela Festival, 2004-05	5.00
5.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Pipli in Puri Distt. (Software)	20.00
6.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Raghurajpur in Puri Distt. (Software)	20.00
7.	Development of Village Pipli in Puri Distt. (Hardware)	50.00
TOTAL:		1339.18
2005-06		
1.	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	447.22
2.	Development of Sakhi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	294.04
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt. (Ganjam as Tourist Destination)	500.00

Sl.No	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
4.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhuli-Puri-Konark	720.09
5.	Development of Chilka Lake (Distt. Puri and Ganjam) as Tourist Destination	389.05
6.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	50.00
7.	Shreekshetra Festival at Puri	15.00
8.	Puri Beach Festival, 2005	4.00
9.	Konark Festival, 2005	3.00
10.	Rajrani Festival, 2005 at Bhubaneswar	3.00
TOTAL:		2425.40
2006-07		
1.	Development of Simlipal in Distt. Mayurbhanj as a tourist destination	297.12
2.	Puri Beach Festival, 2006	05.00
3.	Konark Festival, 2006	05.00
4.	Ekamra Utsav, 2007	10.00
5.	Shreekshetra Vasant Utsav, 2006	10.00
6.	Integrated Development of Chandipur-Talsari-Udaypur-Chandaneswar-Remuna-Panchlingeswar-Nilagiri Circuit	800.00
7.	Development of Village Barpali, Distt. Baragarh, Rural Tourism	50.00
8.	Development of Village Hirapur, Distt. Khurda, Rural Tourism	50.00
9.	Development of Village Padmanavpur, Distt. Ganjam, Rural Tourism	50.00

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SI.No	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
10.	Development of Village Deulajhari, Distt. Angul, Rural Tourism	50.00
11.	Integrated Development of Koraput Circuit "Koraput-Deomali-Jeypore-Upper Kolab-Gupteshwar as a tourist circuit in Orissa	692.00
TOTAL :		2019.12

Lack of Infrastructure in Andaman and Nicobar for Handling Tourists

849. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is picking up in Andaman and Nicobar after the Tsunami;

(b) whether lack of infrastructure for handling huge number of tourists in this remote region is resulting in a number of complaints from the tourists; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT administrations themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of project proposals prioritized for grant of central financial assistance every year to them for the following schemes:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating Projects

No project proposal from the Andaman & Nicobar Island Administration has been received for grant of Central Financial Assistance during 2006-07. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned HAMFEST-a convention of International Amateur Radio Operators at Port Blair during 2005-06 for Rs. 6.25 lakh.